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## P-2501 Basic Information

## A. The Difference Between Policy and Procedures

Food Stamp policy is published in the Federal Register by the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States
Department of Agriculture. DSW is required to implement all the rules published by FNS. DSW reissues these rules verbatim in the Food Stamp Manual. When the text differs from the Federal Register it is indicated by "Vermont:".
Policy is published under State Public Information Act rules which allows time for public comment and revision. Policy must be adopted by the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules.

Procedures provide directions for carrying out policy. They are not intended to restate policy, but at times they may clarify it. Procedures are not published through the Information Act or adopted as official rules. However, they are official within DSW.